

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claims amended on May 28, 2004, because claim 24, as amended, did not correspond to the previous copy of the claim, as presented in the amendment submitted on August 6, 2003. Applicants have amended claim 24 and request the entrance of the claims therefore.

Conclusions

Claims 4, 8-9, and 24-29 are currently pending.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application and claims are in condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objections and rejections. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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